

Wellsboro Borough Council Meeting Minutes July 11, 2016

Council President Joan S. Hart called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Mayor John E. Wheeler, Councilors Joan S. Hart, Michael J. Wood, Terry L. Bryant, and Kevin J. Connelly, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Officer Frank Levindosky and Secretary Susan L. Keck.

VISITORS- Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette, Craig West, Mr. and Mrs. Mulcahey

MINUTES: June 13, 2016 Council Meeting minutes-were approved by motion of Councilor Connelly, seconded by Councilor Wood, and carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

NEW BUSINESS

HARB

Canyon Motel- Revise Gate and fence and replace wood with PVC – Joshua Krider explained he would be using white paint instead of the tan discussed at the previous meeting. He informed the members he would be using PVC board instead of wood. The post will remain wood with a PVC sleeve. Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the Canyon Motel fence and gate as recommended. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried.

Hub's Home Oxygen- Replace old sign with new- HARB recommended approval. Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the recommendation. Councilor Wood seconded the motion and it carried.

The Roost- Sign/display for front of building- Sean Adams presented a design for the front of 83 Main Street with a watermark. The awning would be copper color with the building being slate and tan. A discussion followed. This was not recommended for approval by HARB. Councilor Wood made a motion to deny the watermark. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried 3-1 with Councilor Bryant opposed.

HARB recommended the copper band and awning for approval, with the slate and tan colors on the first floor, with enlarged windows and the option for vertical tan band if desired. Councilor Connelly made a motion to approve the recommendation. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve the Nichols and Mulcahey minor Lot Subdivision/Land Trade on Fischler Street. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

Committee Reports:

General Government, Administration, Buildings, Personnel

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Councilor Bryant made a motion to ratify and approve accounts payable for all accounts. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for May 2016. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Seat opening on Grand Canyon Airport Authority. Skip Shaw was appointed to fill Dave Cleveland's unexpired term as Wellsboro/Delmar appointee. This was done by motion of Councilor Bryant, seconded by Councilor Wood and carried.

Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser has been appointed by our County Borough's Association to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Board of Directors. This is an honor we are all proud of.

Safety, Police, Fire, Protective Inspections, Codes, EMA

MAYOR'S REPORT -None

Police Report - None

Public Works, Solid Waste, Highways, Parking, Water, Sewer

Norris Street Bridge and Riberolle Street Bridge update – Dan explained we will be asking for a 'time only' extension.

Councilor Wood made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 683, the Industrial Pretreatment Ordinance. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

Bodine Street storm drainage work starts on July 11th.

2016 street program bids will be opened on August 5th.

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve renewing the Blue Ridge Communications Franchise Agreement for 10 years. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried.

Parks & Recreation, Trees, Beautification, Senior Center

Councilor Wood made a motion to approve The First Amendment To Lease Agreement with American Tower Corporation and authorize our Borough Manager to sign all documentation including the Resolution and Consent Affidavit. This will extend the lease for six (6), five (5) year terms and includes a one-time signing payment of \$35,000. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Bryant made a motion to use the \$35,000 as a grant match toward the Woodland Park Master Plan improvements. Councilor Connelly seconded the motion and it carried.

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Councilor Wood made a motion to approve Wellsboro Volleyball Team request to hold a 5K Race to raise funds for the team. This will be held on August 5, 2016. Councilor Bryant seconded the motion and it carried.

Employee Benefits, Negotiations, Insurance, Safety, Training

Other Business – The Timeless owners will be replacing an air conditioning unit and will close the Main Street northbound lane for the morning of July 18th.

Kevin Connelly read his letter of resignation effective July 31 as he will be moving out of the Borough.

Public Comments- Craig West commented on Bodine Street bridge width and oiling of Bodine Street.

Adjourn –Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Susan L. Keck